

MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY ASSOCIATION



OUTSTANDING LOGGER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

YEAR

Name of Logger Nominee _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____ Office Phone _____
Cell Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

NOMINATED BY: (Two nominators are required)

Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____	City _____
State _____ Zip _____	State _____ Zip _____
Signature _____	Signature _____
Phone # _____	Phone # _____
Email _____	Email _____

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 15

MAIL TO:

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The following five sections of the nomination form, which request forest management, timber harvesting, business management, safety, and other information, should be answered in narrative form. The statements and questions listed under each section are designed to help you cover important information about the nominee.

SAFETY INFORMATION:

- Describe how the nominee establishes and enforces harvesting and transportation safety standards, regulations, and practices. How does he personally adhere to them?
- Does the nominee (and employees) use personal protective equipment? Does the nominee provide the personal protective equipment for the employees?
- Does the nominee provide safety training for employees? Describe the type of programs, frequency methods, and techniques.
- How are employees trained to use new equipment?
- Describe safety features or modifications on the nominee's harvesting/transportation equipment.
- Has the nominee developed any unique incentives or approaches to safety (i.e. bonus for number of hours of safe work, etc.)? If so, please describe.
- Provide a date and description of the last lost time accident.
- Other safety information?

FOREST MANAGEMENT INFORMATION:

- Provide information on the nominee's knowledge and adherence to AF&PA's Sustainable Forestry Guidelines and Mississippi's Best Management Practices.
- List the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) workshops attended by the nominee. List workshops attended by the nominee's employees.
- List types of harvest (clearcut, selection, thinning, etc.) performed by nominee.
- Describe how nominee plans, constructs, and retires landings and road systems.
- Does the nominee consider and follow forest management plans for tracts he/she harvests.

- Describe how the nominee carries out soil erosion protection measures. Give specific examples.
- Has the nominee developed any unique approaches to forest management with landowners? If so, describe.
- Other forest management information?

TIMBER HARVESTING INFORMATION:

- Describe nominee's major harvesting and transportation equipment mix. List each piece of equipment.
- Does the nominee have a scheduled maintenance program? Please describe.
- Evaluate and describe the appearance of the nominee's equipment.
- Describe the nominee's utilization standards. What is the raw product distribution in a typical year?
- Does the nominee practice top and slash disposal?
- Provide examples of the nominee's concern for aesthetics of timber harvesting.
- Does the nominee clean up landings at job completion?
- How does the nominee dispose of waste oil, tires, batteries, and trash?
- What percentage of the nominee's annual harvest volume is purchased directly and personally from landowners?
- Provide the approximate percentage of timber harvested annually from the following sources:
 - _____ % Federal land
 - _____ % Private, non-industrial land
 - _____ % Industry land
 - _____ % Other, describe: _____
- Does the nominee leave buffer strips?
- Does the nominee adhere to local timber harvesting ordinances/regulations? Give examples of how local regulations have impacted the nominee's operations.
- Has the nominee harvested timber from certified Tree Farms?
- Other timber harvesting information?

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION:

- How many years has the nominee been in business?
- List number and job titles of nominee's employees.
- Does the nominee comply with state and federal labor and employment regulations? (FICA, unemployment, etc.)
- Describe types of insurance and the carriers (Workers Comp, health, retirement, liability, life, hazard, equipment) which nominee carries for the operation, employees, and self.
- List all other employee benefits provided by the nominee.
- Describe the relationship between the nominee and the local business community.
- Does the nominee use written contracts when purchasing or cutting and hauling timber?
- Describe nominee's payroll and bookkeeping system.
- Other business management information?

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Nominee's previous awards? Master Logger Certification?
- Does the nominee maintain any community or association memberships? Has he ever served on any committees, held offices, or been active in other programs?
- Does the nominee have any family involvement in the business? Describe.
- Describe the nominee's ability to work cooperatively with landowners, foresters, general public, other loggers, press, etc.
- Does the nominee distribute literature (forest management, association membership, safety, etc.)?
- Describe how the nominee handles referrals for forest management assistance.
- Describe any presentations on logging/harvesting made by nominee.
- Include news articles, press coverage, etc. on logging/timber harvesting involving the nominee.

- Does the nominee participate in Log A For Kids campaign or other charitable fundraising activities?
- In addition to the above, how does the nominee exemplify professionalism?
- What makes this nominee outstanding compared to other loggers?
- Why should this nominee be selected as Mississippi's Outstanding Logger of the Year?

Outstanding Logger of the Year Guidelines

Award Objectives

- 1 Recognize outstanding independent logging contractor performance
- 2 Increase the visibility of competent professional independent logging contractors within the forestry community.
- 3 Encourage peers (other independent logging contractors) to emulate the outstanding performance of award winners.
- 4 Improve forester-logger landowner relations by publicly recognizing outstanding logging performance of award winners.

Eligibility

- 1 Logger must be independent of the manufacturing operation that converts the timber delivered into a finished or semi-finished product.
- 2 Logger must have been in the timber harvesting business for at least five years.
- 3 Logger must be in the business of harvesting timber and may or may not transport timber.
- 4 Any person or organization is eligible to nominate candidate(s) for this award.
- 5 Logger must be free of lost-time accidents for past two years.
- 6 Logger and key employees must have attended SFI Training offered in Mississippi.

Criteria for Nomination

- 1 Logger must show professionalism in logging activities as well as good business skills
- 2 Logger must have a good safety record in logging activities.
- 3 Logger must display a good image of the logging industry to the general public in the communities where logger operates.
- 4 Logger must practice good conservation skills that adhere to Mississippi's recommended "Best Management Practices" for timber harvesting.
- 5 Logger must maintain worker's compensation insurance.

Nomination Procedure

- 1 Nomination forms must be complete, accurate, and legible.
- 2 All nominations must be signed and dated by two nominators (sponsors).
- 3 Photographs must be included in the nomination packet showing the following:
 - a) One close-up head and shoulders of nominee, minimum 3" x 5"
 - b) Color photographs showing: timber harvesting equipment, trucking equipment (if owned by nominee), latest site logged, and safety equipment used on the job.
 - c) All photographs must be a minimum of 3" x 5" and should be mounted on 82 x 11" white paper.
- 4 Nomination packages may include additional information and photographs but can not exceed 20 pages (10 front and back).

Awards

- Award is to be presented at the MFA Annual Meeting.
- The winner will receive a plaque, a free registration for the MFA Annual Meeting, and one year's complimentary membership in MFA.

- Winner will be publicized state-wide
- All nominees will receive a letter of congratulations from MFA's president

Selection Procedure

- 1 The chair of the Timber Harvesting Committee will appoint a five-member subcommittee to select no more than three candidates for this award
- 2 Final selection will be made by a committee composed of:
 - a) MFA First Vice President (or appointee) as chair
 - b) Timber Harvesting Committee chair (or appointed committee member)
 - c) MFA Logger Member
 - d) Member-at-Large (Tree Farmer)
 - e) Member-at-Large (appointed by MFA President)
- 3 The selection committee will visit the logging site of the finalists and select MFA's Logger of the year. Only three committee members are required to be present at any one logging site.
- 4 Final selection will be made by anonymous ballot and mailed to Timber Harvesting Committee Chair